Present: Sara Jensen, Mary Green, Peter Manhart, Molly Romero, Fran Teply, Eli McNichols, Adam Langdon, Dave Schinzel, Tom Craig, Sara Paesl, BJ Reed, Rodney Olden

Guests: Chris Jerram – District 3 City Council Member

Absent: Bob Welk, Wiff Farrell, Mike Walenta, Raquel Ahlvers, Ellen Shurson, Gary Rosenberg, Sara Nelson,

Call to order -7:04pm

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting

–Motion / 2nd by Olden & Romero. Unanimous vote to approve

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

- Created separated account for Friends of the Bridge funds

- $6480 Misc. = PayPal donations coming in without descriptions that they are still trying to sort through

- Motion / 2nd by Romero & Jensen. Unanimous vote to approve

**Demolition Ordinance –** Chris Jerram

* New ordinance is in the works dealing with the demolition of historic homes – draft reads = If you have a home or structure more than 75 yrs. old and would like to take out a demolition permit there is a pre-demo process that you need to go through. Planning Dept. Director decides if structure passes test, sends to committee to approve or deny, they recommend alternatives to demo.
  + If house is condemned from fire etc. this process would not apply.
  + There is talk about lowering age of home from 75 yrs. to 50 yrs.
  + No exceptions for Religious Institutions
  + Compliance from Schools would be voluntary
* Existing Law = If you own property and it’s not a historic landmark you are free to do what you want including demolish it
  + People/Neighborhood is worried about losing history of the city
* Purpose of Ordinance is to not have demolition be the first and only choice – other cities have had success with this
* Plan = Ordinance will be introduced by Middle of May to Council.
* DMPA - put on Facebook page asking people for support
* DMPA will write letter of support.
  + Motion / 2nd by Romero & Olden

**Lyman Richie Project**

* There has been talk of using out of state developers and architects for this project
* Chris Jerram talked to Larry Jobeun about this and Larry is going to talk to Peter Caye about how they can use some local involvement.

**Farnam 2 Way Update**

* Keep sending in photos and complaints – continued interest from the neighborhood and future studies will help
* Biggest reason City doesn’t want approve = Vehicles will move to Dodge for commuting and Dodge is at capacity right now
* UNMC needs to get behind the project – one of public works reasons = they are uncertain with what is happening with the Med Center

**Streetcar Wall – Dave Schinzel**

* Artist now wants the wall lit from above
* Jerry Albers and the contractor are meeting with the artist, but they will most likely go with original plan to light from the ground
* The area is also getting overgrown and needs cleaned up

**Subway Mural – Dave Schinzel**

* Slow process with artist finishing
* Hoping to get it done in the next couple of weeks and then start the coating

**Flower Baskets – Bob Welk/Peter Manhart**

-Hanging all baskets Thursday and Friday

**Dundee Days – Sara Jensen**

* Have leads for everything that needs to be done, all meetings are scheduled, permits filed and approved
* Shannon is working on sponsorships
* First meeting is May 13th

**Street Islands – Mike Walenta**

* Mike Walenta is not returning for another term – need to find replacement
* He believes north and south of dodge can be done by one person
* Most of the islands are taken care of by neighbors with little help

**Officer Renewals**

* Adam Langdon & Bob Welk
  + Motion and Nomination for another term by Romero / 2nd by McNichols. Unanimous vote to approve
* Mike Walenta and BJ Reed will not be returning for another term
* BJ Reed will need someone to take over the barricades to pass out/track for neighborhood parties after this summer

**Next Meeting** (September 6th)

* Twitter Account – Joe Craig

Adjourn 8:47p